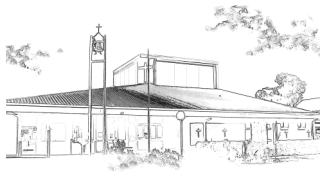


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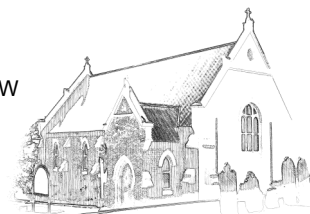
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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 21 January 2024

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**O** sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honour in his holy place.

### FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

*The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 24:4-9

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*The world as we know is passing away.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is near: the Good News. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

*Repent, and believe the Good News.*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**

### Parish Prayer

*Ever loving God, we the community of the Catholic Parish of Richmond, praise you and dedicate our lives to you. Through the example of St Monica, St Gregory, and St John of God we aspire to be people of faith and prayer, who extend peace, hope and light to the wider community.*

*When we listen to your Word, let it nourish us, giving us strength and perseverance in our daily lives. May the Holy Spirit enkindle in us a spirit of compassion and hospitality and a profound respect for each other.*

*Help us to care for the sick, the elderly and those in need. Bless our young people that they may be inspired to know, love and serve You. May we strive to grow in holiness and dedicate our lives to Your service.*

*We make this prayer through the intercession of our Mother Mary and Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



### Full and active participation ...

*The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy.*

*Such participation by the Christian people as 'a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people' is their right and duty by reason of their baptism.*

*In the reform and promotion of the liturgy, this full and active participation by all the people is the aim to be considered before all else, for it is the primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive true Christian spirit.*

*Sacrosanctum Concilium 14. (as printed in the Ordo)*



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## Lenten Discussion Groups ..

Lent commences Wednesday 14 February. Would you like to host, facilitate or participate in a parish Lenten Discussion Group? Discussions focus on the Sunday Gospels. Material made available through the Parish.

Yes I/we would like to host a group.  Yes I/we would like to participate in a group.

Name:

Preferred Day:

Preferred Time: Morning  Evening

Contact number:

E-mail:

**Please return to Parish Office or place on collection plate during Mass. Please reply before Tuesday 6 February as books need to be ordered. Groups begin from 11 February. Ash Wednesday 14 February.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Best wishes for a happy Festa:** As we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. We pray in thanksgiving for the gift of Faith which he shared with the people of Malta who in their turn share their faith and traditions with us here in the Parish of Richmond. We ask God's blessing on all who have worked to prepare for this celebration and wish all who attend a "Happy Festa!"

**Australia Day** Mass 26 January, will be celebrated at St Monica's at 9am. Come and join us as we pray for our Country.

**World Day of Prayer:** On Friday 1 March at St Monica's at 10.30am. This year we are hosting this Ecumenical Prayer which has been prepared by the women of Palestine. This annual event is prepared four or five years in advance. Our focus will be on PEACE in the Middle East. We invite to join us as we welcome Parishioners of other Faith denominations throughout the Hawkesbury. The prayer will be followed by morning tea, please bring a plate.

**Advertising in the bulletin:** There is currently one vacant spot on the back of the Bulletin. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

**Stamps:** Please save your used stamps for the Mary MacKillop Centre. Helping educate children. Thank you for your continued support.



**R.C.I.A.:** As we approach Ash Wednesday, 14 February, we are reminded that the R.C.I.A. Faith journey 23-24 is coming to a close. We are pleased to announce that Zane Law will be baptised on Pentecost Sunday and Louise Southall will be received into full Communion on the same day. As the couple has been attending Mass at St Gregory's and they feel very much at home there, it has been decided to hold all ceremonies at St. Gregory's. Firstly, we welcome Zane into the Order of Catechumens on Sunday 4 February at the 8am Mass. During these final weeks of preparation, we invite the whole Parish Community to keep Zane and Louise in prayer.



## PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Wednesday 24 January Saint Francis de Sales.**
- **Friday 25 January The Conversion of Saint Paul.**
- **Friday 26 January Australia Day** Mass will be celebrated at St Monica's, 9am.

### Preparing for Lent!

Did you remember to bring in the palms you received last year so that they can be prepared for the Ashes on Ash Wednesday February 14?



**Important Reminder:** Please arrive on time for Mass, or better yet, come a little early to prepare your heart and mind through prayer before Mass begins. Let us gather in a spirit of devotion and reverence to celebrate the Eucharist.



### Come and Join the Throng!

Make Lent & Easter extra special this year. Come join our friendly parish singing group and be part of this beautiful way to pray. Every **Tuesday night in the Church 6.30pm - 7.30pm** No obligation, just come along and join the song.



## PARISH MASS TIMES

**St Monica's**  
Saturday: 6.00pm  
Sunday: 7.30am,  
9.30am, 5.30pm  
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

**St Gregory's**  
Saturday: 9am  
Sunday: 8am  
**St John of God**  
No Masses at this stage

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation**  
St Monica's:  
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.  
St Gregory's:  
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

**Anointing of the Sick Mass**  
Second Friday of the month, 9am  
at St Monica's or by arrangement  
with the priests

### Baptism

By appointment only.  
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays  
at 11am.  
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am  
Booking & Preparation are essential.

### Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum  
of 6 months notice is required. All  
enquiries please email:  
admin@parishofrichmond.org.au

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**7 Feb 2024  
at 7pm.**

**Meeting Minutes  
available on notice  
boards in church  
foyers & parish**

**Hawkesbury District Health services (SJOG)**

are advertising for a Pastoral Practitioner to join the Pastoral services team. The main responsibility of this position is to provide emotional and spiritual support to Patients and their families during their stay in the hospital. If you're interested in this role, you can find out more about the position by looking at the SJOG web site (sjog.org.au) or the seek website (seek.com.au) or by contacting Stuart (Pastoral Care Manager) on 4560 5640.



**Fishing for People**

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Mark 1:17 (TNIV)

Based on Mark 1:14-20



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**STEWARDSHIP: Week ending 14/01/2023**

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Please note that you can make donations via the tap and go found in St Monica's church foyer. Credit Card Giving: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to set up monthly giving via credit card. Online Donations are accepted through our parish website at parishofrichmond.org.au. The red "Donate Now" button at the top opens a new window, in the drop down box make your selection then complete all details. Debit or credit card may be used and there are no fees incurred.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

**Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:**

Charlie Galea, Maria Sallese, Honorius Escalante, Hazel Gray, Alma Irwin, Betty Mckay, Diene Boatswain, Patrick Newman, John Allen, Gwenneth Doyle, John Cox, Antonia Refalo

**... and those we remember at this time:**

Giacinta Bagnara, Pat Mooney, David Woods, Anthony & Maryanne Xiberras, Joseph & Carole Scerry, Maria & Joe Saliba, David Sanson, John Mifsud, Maria Sultana, Joseph Sultana, Agnes Leddy, Anthony & Peter Galea, Mary, John & Alan Moloney, Stan Fienberg, Cis & Ken Luscombe, John Larven, Bev Riley, Julie Bennett, Joan Ryan, Kathleen Breden, Paul McDonald, Maryanne Mizzi, Carmelo & Catherine Vella, John & Gwen McGuigan, Shirley Kearney, Frank Cauchi

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**We welcome the newly baptized...**

*...to our Christian family*



**Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:**

Monique Saliba

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)**

*will resume Monday 29 January at 7pm in the Emmaus Room*

*Topic: Marriage.*

**REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITES**

**Rosary**  
 St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 St Monica's: Wednesday after 9.00am Mass to pray for vocations.

**Parish Morning Tea**  
 After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass

**Body of Christ Prayer Group**  
 First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

**Table Tennis** fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

**First Friday Benediction & Mass**  
 Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm—7.30pm All Welcome

**Suspended until further notice Youth Group Social**  
 Meet every 1st Friday of the month after 6.30pm HYPMA Mass





**NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER**

**27/28 January 2024**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year B**

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**St Monica's**

**Readers**

6.00pm - J. Xiberras C. Hession  
7.30am - S. Duff A. Tabone  
9.30am - L. Sheffield M. Mizzi  
5.30pm - J. Fewtrell E. Teuma

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

6.00pm - P. Hession J. Muscat  
7.30am - M. Fenech A. Dunbar  
9.30am - L. Ryan J. Cauchi  
5.30pm - D. D'Mello J. Morley

**Minister at the Altar**

6.00pm - A. Moloney  
7.30am - C. Fleetwood  
9.30am - C. Pritchard  
5.30pm - R. Ujmiak

**Junior Ministers**

6.00pm -  
7.30am -  
9.30am - C & E. Cauchi  
5.30pm -

**Data Projector**

6.00pm - M. Breaden  
7.30am - R. Ingram  
9.30am - M. McGuinness  
5.30pm - A. Papallo

**Children's Liturgy**

6.00pm -  
9.30am - M & M. Pastoors  
**Cleaners** - K. Murphy A. Edwards  
**Counters**

21 Jan—M. Ryan D. Bowles  
28 Jan - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon

**WEEKDAY ROSTER**

**Monday 22 January 2024**

Reader - M. Breaden  
EMoHC - F. Crew

**Wednesday 24 January 2024**

Reader - A. Moloney  
EMoHC - M. McMahon

**Friday 26 January 2024**

Reader - D. Bowles  
EMoHC - M. Ryan

**St Gregory's**

**Saturday 27 January 2024**

Reader - J. Wall  
EMoHC - C. Smiroldo

**Sunday 28 January 2024**

**Readers**  
8.00am - L. Ducksbury M. Mooney A. Drew  
**Minister at the Altar** - F. Kelleher C. Byatt

**Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion**

8.00am - C. Smiroldo  
**Data Projector** - S. Stennett  
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**Pope Francis @Pontifex January 19:**



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